



PATENT  
00774

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 2876 :  
Group No. 2800 :  
Examiner: Hess : SMART CARD SYSTEM, APPARATUS  
AND METHOD WITH ALTERNATE  
In re application of Stephen P. Norton : PLACEMENT OF CONTACT MODULE  
Serial No.: 09/897,235 :  
Filed: July 2, 2001 :

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

August 22, 2003

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**A. Introductory Comments**

This communication and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination Application is in response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003. Claims 1-3, 6-19, 24, and 39-41 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 20-23, and 25-38 have been cancelled. Claims 42-52 have been added. Claims 1-3, 6-19, 24, 39, and 40-52 are now pending in the application. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and further examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

RECEIVED  
AUG 26 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800